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PROJECT RESTART

El Paso Fire Department & El Paso Coalition for the Homeless Team up for First Blanket Drive

EL PASO, TEXAS – In recent years, El Paso has seen an increase in extreme weather conditions once the cold fall and winter months arrive. When temperatures plummet, homeless individuals and families turn to agencies like the El Paso Homeless Coalition (EPCH) to help them with basic necessities that may no longer be accessible to them.

This year, **EPCH** is pleased to announce its collaboration with the **El Paso Fire Department** who will make all **33 of its fire stations available as “drop-off” sites** for the first annual **EPCH Project Restart Blanket Drive 2012**. The drive runs from *Oct 22 - October 31*. For a list of fire stations, visit <http://home.elpasotexas.gov/fire-department/fire-stations.php>.

The mission of Project Restart is to collect new and gently-used blankets to distribute to the El Paso Rescue Mission, Center Against Family Violence, Salvation Army and other coalition agencies around town.

Homelessness is a major problem that increases year after year, and now affects more than 4 million people nation-wide. Agency Director Carol Bohle



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says this event will directly benefit our community's most vulnerable population while bringing awareness on the issue of homelessness in El Paso.

"Homelessness is a community issue that requires the support of all of our citizens," Bohle says.

The El Paso Coalition for the Homeless is a membership-driven alliance dedicated to securing appropriate housing and services for persons who are homeless through advocacy, resources and innovation.

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